

MINISTER ASSAILS HALF-AND-HALF AS BAR TO DISTRICT PROHIBITION

GERMANS RUSH PREPARATIONS TO MEET NEW BALKAN BLOW

Czar Is Expected to Strike Through Roumania—Troops Massed on Border and Early Attack Is Expected.

Evacuation of Border Town by Civilians Ordered by Bulgaria in Anticipation of Opening Hostilities.

ROME, Nov. 29.—Austria is trying to conclude a separate peace, according to the Tribune today.

BUCHAREST, Roumania (via Berlin and London), Nov. 29.—Evacuation by all civilians of the Bulgarian town of Rustchuk was ordered by the military authorities today as a step toward preparation for defense against a Russian attack.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—Germany is rushing preparations today to resist a Russian attack in the Balkans.

The Kaiser evidently has decided the Czar is about to strike. The moment this happens it seems certain Roumania will be swept by just such a German flood as has passed over Belgium and Serbia.

RUSH THROUGH ROUMANIA

All their preparations show that the Russians will enter the Balkan field by a rush through Roumanian territory into Bulgaria. The Germans apparently purpose to meet the invasion frontally, on the Bulgarian frontier, and to attack the Russians from the westward on the flank.

The flank attack will make a vast battleground of all central and western Roumania. Only a narrow strip on the Black sea coast can hope to escape. If the fight on the Bulgarian frontier goes against the Czar's forces, the tide must sweep also across Roumania from the southward. This will mean the devastation of even the eastern region.

Signs have multiplied in the last two

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INTERRED GERMAN CAUGHT ESCAPING

Navy Department Has Report of Sailor Who Jumped From Prince Eitel Friedrich.

Details of a daring attempt to escape by an interned German sailor on the Prince Eitel Friedrich, which was frustrated by the marine guard at Norfolk and the Norfolk police, were received by the Navy Department today. The German sailor jumped overboard the Prince Eitel at 7 o'clock last night and swam to shore, only to be captured by the Norfolk police, who had been notified of his escape. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt said today that the interned sailor had been turned over to Captain Thierbach of the Prince Eitel for proper disciplinary action. The Navy Department plans to make inquiries to make certain that the sailor is properly disciplined. The Navy Department had no report on the recent incident when Captain Thierbach is said to have slapped the face of a marine guard who attempted to stop him from leaving the interned ship. News reports from Norfolk said that Thierbach was taken before the marine commandant to explain the incident, but if that is true the Navy Department has not been advised by the commandant.

Fiscal Commission Fails To Gather

No Business Is Transacted When Senator Chilton Does Not Appear.

The joint committee in charge of the investigation into the half-and-half question for the District was expected to meet today, but failed to do so. Four of the members, Senators Saulsbury and Works, and Congressmen Gard and Cooper met, but Senator Chilton, chairman, did not appear. No business was done.

Sensor Chilton, chairman, after conference with members, called a meeting for 11 o'clock tomorrow.

PACT SHOWS PLAN TO AID WARSHIPS

Agreement Signed by Buenz Exhibited at Trial of Hamburg-American Officers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Direct admission that vessels chartered by the Hamburg-American line were to be used for transferring supplies to warships at sea, was made in an agreement signed by Karl Buenz, managing director of the company, introduced in evidence at the trial of the four Hamburg-American officials today.

The agreement, made with owners of the steamers Fram and Sommerstadt, guaranteed them against loss in event of damage while transferring supplies to "warships of the empire of Germany."

Bullowa Recalled. Ralph J. Bullowa, the New York attorney, who was counsel for captains of the steamers, was recalled to the stand today. He identified an agreement between the captains of the vessels and Adolph Hochmeister, one of the defendants.

The agreement, it is Hochmeister's own handwriting and signed by Buenz, included the following clause: "In case of damage to vessel caused by the attempt to transfer cargo to the warships of the empire of Germany, the Hamburg-American line will be responsible for all damage and demurrage during repairs."

On cross-examination, Bullowa admitted that he was still acting as counsel for owners of the steamers Neptos and Mowinkel, who had litigation pending involving the same issues in connection with the Fram and Sommerstadt.

Written Evidence Sought. William Rand, Jr., chief counsel for the defense, sought to show Bullowa an interested witness. Rand drew from Bullowa an admission that he (Bullowa) insisted on the agreement in order that he might have written evidence of the ship's real destination.

Bullowa admitted that his clients, even after the agreement was drawn, refused to make the voyage.

"You kept both the papers and the ships," said Rand.

"Yes," said Bullowa.

CAPTURE OF GORITZ AGAIN RUMORED

London Unable to Confirm Renewed Dispatches Through Swiss Sources.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Renewed Swiss reports of Goritz's capture by the Italians are unconfirmed and disbelieved. Official Rome messages say the Austrians are losing outposts after outpost, however, and the city's ultimate fall is believed certain.

VIENNA (via Berlin and London), Nov. 29.—Thousands are falling in a series of increasingly desperate attacks and counter-attacks between Austrians and Italians in the district about Goritz, says today's official statement. "Though the Italians have been heavily re-entrenched," says the report, "their continuous attacks on the Goritz bridgehead have been repulsed."

"We have recaptured by storm the summit we lost temporarily northeast of Goritz. The routed enemy lost 1,000 dead in the vicinity."

"There was also tremendous loss of life in front of our Serbians. Fighting here, but were driven back later by a counter-attack. The ground before the bridgehead is strewn with their bodies."

"In the neighborhoods of Sabor, the Tolmino bridgehead, and other enemy attacks were all repulsed."

President Wilson tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 will be just plain "Tommy" of the Princeton class of '79. He will be host to his classmates at the White House. Between fifty and sixty have accepted the invitation.

SENATOR KERN AGAIN ELECTED CAUCUS HEAD

Grumbling of Threatened Trouble Heard, But Democratic Meeting Goes Smoothly.

PITTMAN MADE SECRETARY Member From Nevada Succeeds Saulsbury of Del.—Committee to Be Named.

With many mutterings of trouble under the surface but with the conservative Senators trying to keep the peace, the Senate Democratic caucus met today and unanimously re-elected Senator Kern of Indiana as chairman of the caucus.

Senator Key Pittman of Nevada was elected secretary in the place of Senator Saulsbury of Delaware. Senator Kern was authorized to name a steering committee of eight. He will report the names of the committee to the caucus Wednesday, to which date adjournment was taken.

The real questions of controversy before the caucus were avoided at the preliminary meeting today. They will arise when the caucus resumes Wednesday. Closure is the foremost of these. A fight is on, too, over the question of whether Senator Clarke of Arkansas shall succeed him as President pro Tempore.

Re-election Probable. Probabilities are that Senator Clarke will be re-elected. A number of the old-time leaders, including Senator Simmons, are counseling peace. Senator Swanson of Virginia has been mentioned for the office of President pro Tempore, and is understood to have ambitions for the office, but he will probably not allow his name to be used.

It is understood this afternoon that the efforts to prevent a fight on Clarke will be successful. Should there be open war on Clarke, it will mean bad blood which will not be wiped out the rest of this Congress. Senator O'Gorman is one of those who are trying to prevent a fight on Clarke.

Outwardly, there was a lot of harmony talk among the Senate Democrats today. Much of the talk was to the effect that there would be enough factionalism among the House Democrats this year to make it inadvisable for the Democratic Senators to start off the session with a clash.

Closure Is Big Question. The biggest bone of contention at the outset will doubtless be closure. This was not brought up at today's caucus, partly because Senator Owen did not have his proposed rule drafted, partly because the disposition of the leaders was to feel out the situation.

It is plain that seven or eight of the Democratic Senators are opposed to closure. What is not so plain is whether they will hold out to the limit against it.

If they do, passage of a closure rule is problematical. Senator Owen wants to raise the closure question at the very opening of the Senate, and before a committee is named to wait on the President.

Complications Possible. This might result in such complications as would delay sending a committee to notify the President the Senate was in session and thus might delay transmitting the annual message to the Capitol and reading it there.

Forty-seven of the fifty-six Democrats (Continued on Second Page.)

RESORT HOTEL BURNS MANY ESCAPE DEATH

Flames Threaten to Sweep Avalon—Guests Driven Out in Night Clothes.

AVAILON, Catalina Islands, Cal., Nov. 29 (By wire).—Many guests had narrow escapes today in a fire which started in the Grand View Hotel at 4 a. m. and threatened to sweep this famous resort.

Within an hour the flames had destroyed the Hotel Metropole, one of the best-known hostels in southern California.

The steamer Hermosa has responded to wireless calls for aid. So far as is known there have been no casualties. Driven out in their night clothes, men, women, and children took refuge in buildings not threatened by the flames. The property loss will be several hundred thousand dollars.

CANADA MAY SEIZE ENTIRE WHEAT STOCK

Possibility Seen That 150,000,000 Bushels May Be Added to 20,000,000 Seized.

BALK SPECULATIVE COUP Dominion's Action Said to Be Due to Buying With View to Cornering Market.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Wheat opened sharply higher in the pit here today as a result of the seizure of 20,000,000 bushels of Canada's crop by the Dominion government. December wheat was up 1½ cents to \$1.05. May wheat opened at \$1.08½, an advance of 2½ cents over Saturday's close.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Nov. 29.—The unexpected action of the Canadian government in commandeering 20,000,000 bushels of high grade wheat in elevators from the Great Lakes to the eastern seaboard, spoiled carefully laid plans of speculators to corner the wheat market. It was reported here today.

It is possible the 150,000,000 bushels of export surplus held by farmers and dealers west of Port William will be taken over by the government. But several officials said today they believed the government's action on Saturday night would have such a salutary effect upon the speculators that no further steps would be necessary.

It is understood the government learned of the plans to corner the market a few weeks ago. A big group of speculators were reported to be buying quietly, intending to hold their supplies until the government was forced to go into the market and buy at high prices.

Far Second Order. The step taken Saturday night, it is believed, will result in millions of bushels of wheat being thrown on the market almost immediately by big dealers, who fear a second order will take over supplies for Britain. In this manner, it is believed the price of wheat will be forced down, or at least will be prevented from soaring to abnormal heights.

The government has not yet fixed the price to be paid for the wheat seized, but it is stated that owners will be dealt with fairly.

Will Go To Italy. The action was taken under the special act by the Canadian Grain Commission. The wheat seized was of grades No. 1 hard and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Northern. It was the property of grain shippers and millers. That taken is all which on Saturday night was in public elevators at Port William, Port Arthur, Midland, Tiffin, Port McNichol, Collingwood, Goderich, Kingsport, Port Colborne, Prescott, Quebec, St. John, Montreal, and Halifax.

A considerable amount of the grain commandeered is the property of American grain dealers.

The domestic supply of Russia is more than sufficient to meet the needs of that country, and the Dardanelles were forced the surplus of Russian wheat would have made the present action unnecessary. While the wheat just taken was commandeered to fill an order from the British government for a large quantity of wheat, it is understood that most of it will be shipped to Italy.

The Canadian government will look after the transportation of the grain to the Atlantic seaboard, and from there its shipment across the Atlantic will be undertaken by the British government in the same way that shipments of oats and hay have been handled for the past year.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The French steamship Algerien and Omara and the British steamship Tanis have been sunk by submarines. From the Algerien, twenty-nine persons are missing. The Algerien was of 1,033 tons, sailed from Marseilles. The Omara was of 433 tons. Both were owned by the Compagnie de Navigation Mixte. The only steamship Tanis mentioned by Lloyd's register is a German craft.

From the Algerien eight were rescued and one corpse was picked up. The Tanis' crew has been landed.

SUBMARINE SINKS THREE ALLIES SHIPS

Capital Girl Joyous Over Coming Cruise On Ford Peace Ship



MISS ANNIE G. BLACK.

Annie G. Black Looks Forward to Pleasant Yuletide With Kin in Old Glasgow, But Will Work While Crossing Atlantic in Her Capacity of a Stenographer.

A Washington girl, Miss Annie G. Black, of 1216 Montana avenue northeast, is to go to Europe on the Ford peace ship.

Miss Black is stenographer to Rexford L. Holmes, and will accompany the party in that capacity. She is jubilant not only at the prospect of an European tour but because of the opportunity to visit relatives in Glasgow and other cities in Scotland and in Liverpool. The peace party, she thinks, will be in Scotland during the Christmas holidays.

GIRL AN ENERGETIC WORKER.

Miss Black is a native Washingtonian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Black. She was educated in the grade schools here, and after a year at Business High School took a commercial and stenographic course at a commercial institution. She is an expert dictagraph operator, and arrangements were made to have her on the trip largely on this account, and because Mr. Holmes insisted that he could not go unless a stenographer accompanied him to get ahead of him.

The only Washington girl on the peace ship is a tall, stately, and prepossessing brunette. Mr. Holmes declares that she is capable of unlimited work. Since her graduation from the commercial school at the age of sixteen, and this was five years ago, Miss Black has had a number of temporary appointments in the Government service. Because she was a native Washingtonian she could not receive a permanent appointment because of the appointment rules. She has served in the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Agriculture, the Redemptive Service, the Children's Bureau, and the Panama Canal Commission. She left the Canal Commission to enter the employ of Mr. Holmes.

Says She's a Calvinist. Miss Black said today: "Of course, I am delighted to have this wonderful opportunity which has come to me so unexpectedly. Yes, there is an element of danger I suppose, but I have not allowed myself to think about the possibility of submarines and hidden mines. Possibly my Calvinistic training has taught me to believe that 'what is to be' will be," though I believe our Presbyterianism is very far away from that idea a little in recent years.

"What am I going to wear? Why, just about what I wear in the office, I suppose. You understand, this isn't supposed to be a joy ride or pleasure excursion that I am going on, but I believe I have been asked to go in order to help Mr. Holmes, in whose office I am now, and who is to accompany the Ford expedition, to get out an appalling mass of work that is already on hand."

Authorities Still Quizzing Young Woman Held in Six Murders.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 29.—Antonia Metusheva, the servant girl whom the Middlesex county authorities had been seeking since Saturday night, when six persons were found murdered in the home of Samuel Weismann, on Cranberry road, gave herself up at South River today, and was at once brought before Prosecutor Florence here.

She is still being quizzed, and what she has told the officials has not been made public.

BILLY SUNDAY COMING HERE, PASTORS HEAR AT CONVENTION

Several Members of Committee Named to Invite Evangelist to Visit Capital Say He Has Accepted.

Rev. John MacMurray Denounces Present Fiscal Arrangement After Speech by Macfarland.

Before nearly 100 Washington clergymen this morning the half-and-half plan of raising District revenues was attacked along a new line when it was characterized as a principle obstacle to getting prohibition for the District.

At the same meeting, that of the Pastors' Federation, announcement was made that the Rev. William Sunday had promised several members of the committee trying to get him here that he would come to Washington. Consideration of efforts to get him here for a campaign had been given additional impetus, it was stated, by the efforts of the National Anti-Saloon League, and the matter of getting him was again placed in the hands of a committee.

ASKED TO ANSWER QUERIES.

Henry B. F. Macfarland and Theodore W. Noyes were invited to attend the meeting of the federation, at the Y. M. C. A. building, to answer questions regarding the fiscal affairs of Washington.

The Rev. John MacMurray, of Union M. E. Church, brought up the relation of prohibition to the half-and-half plan when he asked Mr. Macfarland whether the loss of a half million revenues from licenses, and a consequent loss of half a million of Federal appropriations would mean the loss of \$1,000,000 annually in the District appropriations if prohibition were adopted while the half-and-half plan was retained.

"That would be the effect of prohibition now," said Mr. Macfarland. "But we have not considered the half-and-half plan in relation to the revenues. We have considered it as a broad general principle."

"But the District officials have considered it in relation to revenues," replied Mr. MacMurray. "Don't you know that one reason why the exchequer board has been unwilling to reduce the number of saloons was on account of the pressure from above that the District revenues must not be reduced for fear of a loss of Federal appropriations?"

"I never heard of anything like that," replied Mr. Macfarland.

Mr. Macfarland explained that the District might raise its proper burden of taxation in other ways if prohibition were effected here.

No Discussion.

No discussion marked the action in regard to a "Billy" Sunday campaign here. The Rev. Dr. Clarence Vincent, president of the federation, also is chairman of a committee of citizens, which includes William Knowles Cooper and other laymen, that has been inquiring for nearly a year, into the chances of getting the evangelist to Washington.

Dr. Vincent said he now was ready to announce for the first time publicly that Mr. Sunday had consented to come to Washington, but that no definite date had been mentioned by him. He asked to be instructed as to the further wishes of the federation regarding a Sunday campaign.

The federation voted to inquire into the questions of the indeterminate sentence and parole for District prisoners, and of the general conduct of Ocoquan.